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SUBJECT: JOINT STATEMENT FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S VISIT TO
PAKISTAN

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1. ALTHOUGH WE CONTINUE TO HAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY OF A SERIES OF JOINT STATEMENTS IN THE COURSE OF THE SECRETARY'S SOUTH ASIAN TRIP, WE AGREE THAT THE PAKS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY WANT ONE ISSUED HERE ONCE THEY LEARN THAT WE ARE PLANNING RELEASE THEM IN NEW DELHI, KABUL, AND, PROBABLY, DACCA.
2. THERE IS ALMOST NO LIKELIHOOD, HOWEVER, THAT THE ISLAMABAD STATEMENT CAN BE DRAFTED WITHOUT AT LEAST SOME REFERENCE TO THE ARMS SUPPLY PROBLEM. WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT BHUTTO WOULD GO ALONG WITH WHAT FOR HIM -- AND ANY POLITICALLY AWARE PAKISTANI -- WOULD BE AN EXTRAORDINARILY GLARING OMISSION FOLLOWING HIS REPEATED STATEMENTS (THE MOST RECENT WAS AT HIS OCTOBER 15 PRESS CONFERENCE) THAT HE INTENDS TO RAISE THE ISSUE HERE WITH THE SECRETARY. WHILE WE DON'T INTEND TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN BRINGING UP THE QUESTION WHEN WORKING OUT THE JOINT STATEMENT WITH THE PAKS, WE HAVE INCLUDED IN OUR PROPOSED TEXT WHAT WE BELIEVE IS THE MINIMUM THAT THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH.

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3. THE PROPOSED TEXT DOES NOT MAKE ANY REFERENCE TO THE

PROJECTED BHUTTO MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD. WE HAVE ALREADY SUGGESTED LANGUAGE IN ISLAMABAD 9890 AND WE BELIEVE THIS COULD BE APPROPRIATELY WORKED INTO PARA 2 IF THE SECRETARY AGREES TO OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MATTER BE MENTIONED IN THE STATEMENT.

4. HERewith THE PROPOSED TEST.

5. "AT THE INVITATION OF PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, VISITED PAKISTAN FROM OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 1, 1974. SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHO WAS ASSISTED BY UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN HENRY A. BYROADE, ALFRED L. ATHERTON, JR., ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS, AND OTHER SENIOR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, HELD COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF STATE AZIZ AHMED, AND THEIR COLLEAGUES ON PAKISTAN-UNITED STATES BILATERAL RELATIONS AND ON A BROAD RANGE OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. THE DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN A FRANK AND CORDIAL STMOsphere AS BEFITTTED TALKS HELD BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ENJOYED A LONG AND VALUED ASSOCIATION.

" THE SECRETARY CONVEYED TO THE PRIME MINISTER PRESIDENT FORD'S PERSONAL GREETINGS AND REITERATED THE PRESIDENT'S DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH PAKISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES HAD ENJOYED DURING HIS PREDECESSOR'S ADMINISTRATION. THE PRIME MINISTER WARMLY RECIPROCATED PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE AND WELCOMED THE SECRETARY'S ASSURANCE THAT AS THE US PURSUED ITS QUEST FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL THE NATIONS OF THE REGION, IT WOULD CONTINUE TO REGARD THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF A STRONG, SECURE AND PROSPEROUS PAKISTAN AS A CARDINAL ELEMENT IN A STABLE AND PEACEFUL SOUTH ASIA.

"THE PRIME MINISTER REVIEWED WITH THE SECRETARY THE EFFORTS THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS MADE TO BOLSTER STABILITY IN THE SOUTH ASIAN REGION. HE CALLED
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THE SECRETARY'S ATTENTION TO THE PROPOSAL FOR A NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA WHICH PAKISTAN HAS SPONSORED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE SECRETARY SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE CONCERN WHICH PAKISTAN AND OTHER NON-NUCLEAR NATIONS FEEL FOR THEIR SECURITY. HE AND THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED THAT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION REPRESENTED A SERIOUS THREAT TO WORLD PEACE AND THAT RENEWED EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO

PREVENT THE FURTHER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

"THE SECRETARY COMMENDED THE PRIME MINISTER'S EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND BANGLADESH. HE TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE VISITS HE HAD RECENTLY COMPLETED TO NEW DELHI AND DACCA HAD HEIGHTENED HIS AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NORMALIZATION PROCESS. HE EXPRESSED HIS PARTICULAR SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS PAKISTAN AND INDIA HAD MADE IN MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER TOWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1972 SIMLA AGREEMENT.
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"THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD THE SECRETARY OF HIS CONCERN OVER THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED BY THE UNITED STATES ON THE SUPPLY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO PAKISTAN. HE URGED THAT THIS POLICY BE AMENDED TO PERMIT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN TO PURCHASE A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF SUCH EQUIPMENT SO THAT IT COULD MORE EFFECTIVELY MODERNIZE THE DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES OF ITS ARMED FORCES. THE SECRETARY ASSURED THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE POLICY WAS UNDER REVIEW. HE AND THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO REACH AN EARLY DECISION ON THE MATTER.

"THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S RENEWED APPRECIATION FOR THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE THE US HAS HISTORICALLY PROVIDED PAKISTAN. HE WELCOMED THE US GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO

FURNISH 100,000 TONS OF WHEAT UNDER THE PUBLIC LAW 480
PROGRAM TO HELP MEET PAKISTAN'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS.

"THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY RECOGNIZED
THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM. THE
SECRETARY WELCOMED THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF PAKISTAN IN DEVELOPING PLANS DESIGNED TO HELP MEET THIS
PROBLEM THROUGH THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SELF SUFFICIENCY IN
FOOD FOR PAKISTAN ITSELF AND THE EXPANSION OF PAKISTAN'S
FOOD EXPORTS TO DEFICIT COUNTRIES. HE NOTED THAT THE
US HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT
OF PAKISTAN'S EXPANDED AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH EFFORT AND
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PLEDGED FURTHER US ASSISTANCE IN SUCH TOP
PRIORITY AREAS AS FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND WATER
RESOURCE UTILIZATION.

" THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY REVIEWED THE
EFFORTS NOW GOING FORWARD TO BRING ABOUT FURTHER PROGRESS
TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE
MIDDLE EAST. THE PRIME MINISTER COMMENDED THE SECRETARY
FOR THE INITIATIVES HE HAD TAKEN DURING HIS RECENT VISIT
TO MIDDLE EASTERN CAPITALS AND URGED HIM TO CONTINUE THESE
VALUABLE EFFORTS. THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY
SHARED THEIR CONCERN OVER THE CYPRUS SITUATION AND
PROMISED TO REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH AS THEY SOUGHT TO PLAY
CONSTRUCTIVE ROLES IN HELPING THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO REACH
A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT.

"THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION TO
THE PRIME MINISTER FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY HE AND HIS
COLLEAGUES HAD AGAIN RECEIVED IN PAKISTAN. HE AND THE
PRIME MINISTER AGREED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS THEY HAD HELD
HAD BEEN MOST USEFUL AND THEY LOOKED FORWARD TO
MEETING AGAIN TO EXCHANGE VIEWS. END TEST.
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